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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Michael T. ROSSI, Nicholas V. NECHITAILO, Brian RISCH  
OPTICAL CABLE HOUSING AN OPTICAL UNIT SURROUNDED BY A  
PLURALITY OF GEL LAYERS

**Assignee: ALCATEL**

Our Ref. A7785

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 18 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and , 3 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	31	-	20	=	11	x	\$18.00	=	\$198.00
Independent claims	3	-	3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$740.00

**TOTAL FEE**

**\$938.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$938.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
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